

18 April 1956

Mr. Boris C. W. Hagelin
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Switzerland

Dear Boris:

Thank you very much for your letter of 9 April which arrived several days ago. I was indeed wondering at your silence and in fact called up Ingrid one day to find out whether there was anything wrong. It was then that I learned that you had many visitors for one thing and so decided that if you were able to entertain visitors you were not too bad off.

I note with interest that you had after all of the excitement of returning home and getting the young people off to America a rather severe but not too persevering nervous condition. You are lucky in that such a thing does not stay with you too long.

Elizebeth and I were happy that we were able to return in small measure some of the quite extensive hospitalities which you have shown us both. I only wish that I had been feeling better during the time of your visit so that we could have done much more than we did do. I would have liked to have been able to take you to various places and to see some of the very interesting things there are to see in Washington. I was glad that it was possible for me to arrange for your visit to see a working plant on the "tinker-toy" basis. I also would have liked to have taken you again to the Bureau of Standards where there are still more interesting things to be seen, and it would have been nice to have taken both you and Annie to the National Gallery, and to the National Archives building, and other places of the same character. However, I think you understand that it was not the heart business or the kidney infection which was holding me back and making things difficult for both Elizebeth and especially myself.

It was good of you to tell me something about how the work is progressing and if it is not asking too much I would appreciate your keeping me posted on the progress of your work. I take it that you are keeping Larry Shinn advised in this respect.

I note that arrangements have been made for you to have Inky and Margaretta and their children as your guests in Sundsvik by the 10th of June. I hope that they will all have a happy time there for as long as they plan to stay. I also hope that your visit to Badenweiler will do you and Annie a great deal of good.

A few days ago I learnt from Inky that Bo and his family had already arrived in Edith's home out on the Coast and that Bo will soon be coming back East to find a place to live. I hope that he will come and visit with us a bit. I am sure that you are going to miss them and their three little girls and hope that you will not find their absence too much of an emotional strain.

I note what you say about your getting Mr. Nyberg in July to fill Bo's place and I am sure that you will have, as you say, a most competent aide when he comes.

I have very little to report to you about myself, except to say that I am undoubtedly better than I was when you were here but still feel quite a long ways from the way I felt when I was with you and Annie in Zug just a little over a year ago. Whereas you have short spells frequently, I have rather lengthy ones spaced apart by half a dozen years or so. I agree with what you say about man being a tough animal. I know I will live through this and again be able to do good and interesting work, but it is sure hell while this annoying illness is with me. Everybody has been very nice to me, including the General. The cure lies mostly within myself and in making a correct adjustment to a new situation.

Elizbeth has been well during this rather lengthy and cold winter and spring. I am thankful that she was so well because I apparently needed lots of attention. Please note that I say "apparently" because maybe if I had to do things not only for myself but also for her I would have found the strength and ability somewhere inside me.

No further news about my private bill and I still have my fingers crossed. One piece of news: the Cambridge University Press has finally decided to publish our manuscript and it is expected to be out in April 1957.

A couple of years ago I promised to let you have a copy of my revised article in the Encyclopaedia Britannica. I take great pleasure in enclosing ^{sending} a copy with what I hope is a suitable expression of my regard for you. (Under separate cover)

With love to Annie and affectionate greetings to you, I am,

Sincerely,

Enclosure